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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

"What means this glory round our feet,"
The Magi mused, "more bright than
morn?"

And voices chanted clear and sweet,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

"What means that star," the Shepherds
said,

"That brightens through the rocky
glen?"

And angels, answering overhead,
Sang, "Peace on earth, good-will to
men!"

It's eighteen hundred years and more
Since those sweet oracles were dumb;
We wait for Him, like them of yore;
Alas, He seems so slow to come!

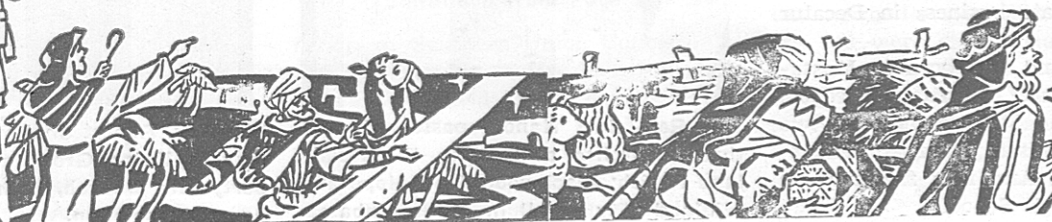
All 'round about our feet shall shine
A light like that the Wise Men saw,
If we our loving wills incline
To that sweet Life which is the Law.

So shall we learn to understand
The simple faith of shepherds then,
And, clasping kindly hand in hand,
Sing, "Peace on earth, good-will to
men!"

And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel-song,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

(from ONE THOUSAND BEAUTIFUL THINGS compiled by Marjorie Barrows)



TREASURER ELECTED



W. JUSTICE STRICKLAND

W. Justice Strickland of Decatur, Ga., was unanimously appointed to the office of Treasurer of the Southeast Convention by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Wm. Frank Gordon, who resigned when he and Mrs. Gordon moved to Tuscon, Arizona.

Mr. Strickland is a native of the bright-leaf tobacco belt of North Carolina. He attended Guilford College and later did graduate work at William and Mary College in Virginia.

After being with the U. S. Weather Bureau in Richmond, Va., for eight years and in Washington, D. C., for four years, Mr. Strickland was transferred to the regional office of that agency in Atlanta, Ga., in 1942. For ten years he served as meteorologist and field inspector for eight Southeastern states, and was Technical Assistant to the Regional Director.

During this time he was also chairman of the Board of the U. S. Civil Service Examiners for the Weather Bureau.

In recent years he has been engaged in the real estate business in Decatur and Atlanta.

Mrs. Strickland was born in Massachusetts, but lived and attended school in Virginia. The Stricklands have two children: Frank is a junior at Vanderbilt University; Ann is a freshman in the Decatur High School.

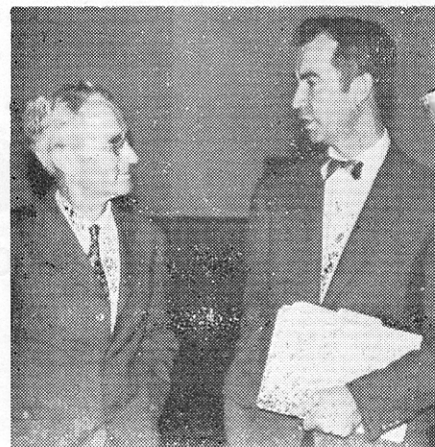
FALL CONVOCATION

More than 30 ministers and their wives from the Southeast Convention and the Florida Conference attended the Fall Convocation held Nov. 26-30. They were housed partly on campus of Southern Union College and partly in the community. All meetings were held in the Wadley Church, however, because classroom space was not available.

The lectures and discussion periods by Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss were extremely interesting and helpful.

Everyone expressed regret that Supt. Butterfield could not attend because of illness; his sermon series was taken over very ably by President Douglas Wasson, and the Reverends Robert Yoh, Carl Landes and Carolyn Welch, pro-

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The Rev. Carl Landes conferring with Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss at the Convocation in Wadley, Ala. Mr. Landes was helpful with the local planning and Dr. Hotchkiss was the guest lecturer.



The Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.



Dr. Thomas Anderson, pastor of Central Church, Atlanta, Ga.



The Rev. Earl Hand, pastor of the three churches comprising the Headland Parish: Blackwood, New Hope and Midland City — all in south Alabama.



The Rev. Robert Shelton, pastor of Hayleyville Union Grove and Houston Liberty Hill Church, both in North Alabama Association.

SEC Registrar Resigns

Mrs. Ed A. Albright, who has served the Convention during the administration of two Superintendents, resigned as Registrar and Assistant Treasurer at the Board meeting on December 11.

Mrs. Albright came to the staff in July of 1949 as office secretary and bookkeeper under the administration of Supt. David W. Shepherd. With the reorganization of the Convention in 1953 she was elected Registrar and Assistant Treasurer. With the rapidly expanding program of the Convention Mrs. Albright has rendered outstanding service not only in her elected duties but in her staff assignment as an executive secretary in the Convention office and in the monthly publication of *The Southeast News*.

Because of her pleasing personality, thorough knowledge of the Congregational Christian denomination, and deep interest in the welfare of our churches, Mrs. Albright has joined the rest of the staff in rendering service far beyond the call of duty.

A unanimous resolution was passed by the Board of Directors thanking her for her splendid contribution to our program and work.

Mrs. Albright plans to do public relations and publicity work with an Atlanta organization. Before coming to the Southeast Convention, she was public relations chairman for the Atlanta Council of Girl Scouts, publicity chairman for the Atlanta Civic Ballet, had edited a weekly newspaper at the Lawson VA Hospital as a Grey Lady with the American Red Cross, and had done some free lance writing for a weekly suburban newspaper.



MRS. ED A. ALBRIGHT

Superintendent Butterfield Resigns Accepts Call to Cleveland Union

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Atlanta on Dec. 11, the Rev. Erston M. Butterfield presented his resignation as Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, to take effect January 31, 1957.

Mr. Butterfield read the following statement to the Board: "This month completes four years of our working together in the Southeast Convention. During these years I have been most appreciative of your kind friendship, good counsel, constant support, and wise decisions. At all times and upon all occasions I have sought to administer the affairs of the Convention in accordance with your voted directives and with the best interests of all our churches in mind. In all things it has been our purpose to advance God's Kingdom in the hearts and lives of all His children and in the life of His Church.

Through "Our Program of Progress" we have made significant gains in almost every phase of local church, association, conference and convention life. We have a well organized Convention program under the supervision and direction of competent lay and ministerial leadership. People of the churches are more conscious than ever before of the demands of "Our Christian World Mission".

"It is therefore with mingled emotions that I now submit to you my resignation as Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, to take effect January 31, 1957, to permit my acceptance of a call to become Minister and Executive Secretary of the Congregational Union of Cleveland, Ohio, beginning February 1, 1957.

"It has been a challenging and inspiring task to serve as the representative of the larger fellowship and to work with so many consecrated people in



THE REV. ERSTON M. BUTTERFIELD

churches large and small throughout this vast area. These years have brought untold blessings to me and my family and we would thank you—and through you all the ministers and members of all the churches — for having called us to these wonderful years of service with you. We leave with regret our friends and co-workers, and pray that God may bless you in these troubled times as you continue to search for His Way and the power to do His Will through the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southeast Convention."

The Superintendent's resignation was accepted by the Board with expressions of deep regret, and best wishes for happiness in the new position as Minister and Executive Secretary of the Congregational Union of Cleveland.

The Board at once elected a committee to proceed with the task of nominating a successor to Mr. Butterfield.

CONVOCATION

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fessors at Southern Union College.

A late evening "coffee hour" for fellowship was held in the homes of Dr. A. R. Van Cleave and the Rev. Carl Landes.

Highlight of the program was the "This Is My Life" series held each ev-

ening with Dr. Thomas Anderson, the Rev. Earl Hand, the Rev. Robert Shelton and the Rev. Arnold Slater as speakers. All were exceptionally interesting and entertaining, but the real "hit" of the program was the Rev. Robert Shelton—with his dead-pan delivery and colloquial expressions he would be sensational on a national television program.

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Hungarian Refugees

The news that Hungarian refugees are coming to this country and need help in resettlement has brought a wonderful response. These expressions of kindly concern have become so numerous that we want to bring you up-to-date.

1. As of this date no Hungarians have been referred to us for resettlement, although we have entered through proper channels a standing offer of help. The large majority are Roman Catholics. Relatives and friends of people in this country account for many more. Furthermore, the Protestants are mostly Presbyterian and Lutheran and Evangelical and Reformed, and these denominations are looking after their own.

2. Money is going to be needed in large amounts to carry our share of assistance to refugees from Hungary now in Austria or other European countries of asylum. This help will be channeled through Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. It is almost certain that we will be making a nationwide appeal. Please be ready to respond as generously as possible.

The Crisis in Hungary

Our own Edgar Chandler of the World Council staff got through to Hungary with a shipment of supplies and got back safely to Geneva; Church World

YEAR BOOK BLANKS

Immediately after Christmas each minister or church clerk will receive the denominational Year Book Blank. This should be filled in as completely as possible and returned to the Convention office by January 15th.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY DECEMBER 31st in order to be credited to your church for the 1956 year.

Service made available immediately a considerable shipment of drugs and medical supplies for which TWA and European airlines gave free transportation to Austria, and nearly 4,000 blankets, and CWS also released its stocks of relief goods in Austria for distribution in Hungary through the International Committee of the Red Cross, and made an initial cash grant of \$5,000.

Church World Service has already obligated itself to expenditures of close to \$20,000 of unbudgeted funds, and this is undoubtedly only a beginning. It further estimates, for example, that an additional million pounds of good used clothing will be needed this year for Hungary, for replacements in Austrian stocks, and for the increased demands of the Asia program.

We expect to make a grant of several thousand dollars towards what CWS is doing. This means that we shall be looking to our people and churches for this money. It will be part of our regular budget—one of the emergency needs for which we have to provide even when we have only faith on which to rely.

All money contributions for Hungarian relief should be sent, plainly designated, through the Convention office, 673 Piedmont Avenue N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

Contributions of clothing should go directly to the C. C. Service Committee, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

They will help us meet our responsibility as Christians who live by God's grace in the free part of our suffering world.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou, executive secretary
C. C. Service Committee, Inc.

United Student Fellowship

All of us are joined together in the task of making the Gospel of Christ live in His Church. One of the means is to produce an informed membership. United Student Fellowship is one of the best tools at hand and I wish to call your attention to two features of the program of USF.

First, the fact that USF has a certain uniqueness in its approach should be understood. The student movement characteristically goes head-on into the problems of theological and Biblical study, and this I fear is unique among us, if women's groups, men's clubs, Pilgrim Fellowships, and educational programs which I know are at all typical. One of last year's USF leaders is now engaged in a program of adult education in a local church and optimistically introduced student study materials, and to her chagrin has discovered that they are "beyond the adults". I am making the startling suggestion that USF is a potent ally of all pastors, and they might investigate what is happening on the campuses in their area and influence their local churches to imitate what students are doing, particularly in the area of theological and Biblical study, but also in worship, retreats, and ecumenical study.

Second, consistent with the USF type of program a project for strengthening churchmanship was instituted last summer. This was the European Seminar. I do not believe you would come up with a better plan for growth on the part of a few students than the European Seminar. It was conceived as a plan to inform Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed students about their denominational heritages. The folk who were in the Seminar last year proved that it is a sound scheme.

It is such a good thing that I want to let you in on it so that no one will be overlooked who would like to be a part of the seminar. Some of the students who went last year did not have large financial resources but somehow or other found the means.

For further information on the Seminar, write to USF, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Bryant Drake

Division of Higher Education

The Superintendent's Page

"Letter To A Friend"

by Fra Giovanni (adapted)

We salute you. We are your friends and our love for you goes deep. There is nothing we can give you which you have not got; but there is much, very much, that, while we cannot give it, you can take.

No Heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take Heaven! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instance. Take Peace! The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is Joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see—and to see we have only to look. We beseech you to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom, with power.

Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the Angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial or a sorrow or a duty, believe me, that Angel's hand is there; the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing presence. Our joys too: be not content with them as joys. They too conceal diviner gifts.

Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty—beneath its covering — that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then to claim it, that is all! But courage you have, and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown country, home.

And so, at this Christmas time, we greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

Erston And Isabel Butterfield

Annie R. Campbell

Montez G. Albright

Odell Yancey

W. Justice Strickland

Pilgrim Fellowship

SOUTH ALABAMA - WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY

On Nov. 10-11 the South Alabama-Northwest Florida PF District held a rally at Headland Blackwood Church.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Patty Carter. A welcome was given by Lowell Kennedy and Andalusia First PF gave the devotional.

After a business session, workshops were held on the three commissions: **Faith**—Lowell Kennedy as chairman and Stevetta Green as leader; **Fellowship**—Jerry Hathaway as chairman and V. R. Dobson as leader; **Action**—Wayne Graves as chairman and Miss Annie Campbell as leader.

V. R. Dobson gave a report on the national PF meeting, and led the recreation with Jerry Hathaway.

Antioch Church PF conducted the evening devotional, and the program consisted of a panel chaired by Carolyn Hicks with Mrs. Raymond Berry, Dick Evans and Rev. Earl Hand. A film, "Gallery of Witness" ended the program.

On Sunday morning a program planning workshop was held, divided into Junior and Senior High and college groups. Chairmen were Betty June Faison, Mary Wilcox and Carolyn Hicks, with Mrs. O. C. Graves, Thelton Kirkland and Miss Campbell as resource leaders.

The Rev. Earl Hand and the young people conducted the morning worship and the Rev. Miss Campbell preached the sermon.

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WADLEY DISTRICT RALLY

The Wadley District Pilgrim Fellowship met at Rock Stand Church on Oct. 28 with seven churches represented. The Rock Stand PF gave the welcome, followed by a devotional given by the Elder PF. Johnnie Van Cleave gave a report from the National Council PF meeting in Doane, Nebraska. The Rev. Robt. C. Yoh preached an inspirational sermon. Cynthia Breed read the yearly report.

Following the fellowship hour, the Rev. Annie Campbell showed an interesting filmstrip, "How Wide Is Our Circle".

The installation service for the newly elected officers of the Wadley District

was conducted by the Rev. Annie Campbell. The Rock Stand PF gave the closing worship.

We were very pleased to have as visitors some young people from the Central Alabama District.

—Martha Kirby, reporter

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In preparation for our Work Day for Christ, the Pleasant Hill Pilgrim Fellowship arranged to have a Slave Auction at the October Community Fellowship supper. Several of our group were dressed as slaves. Mr. T. L. Cunningham was auctioneer. There was much fun and many wise-cracks while the bidding went on, with one or two of the young people the bid ran as high as \$5.

Some of the work included cleaning house, ironing, baby sitting, hulling walnuts, cutting wood, washing windows, washing cars, burning trash, etc. The total amount earned came to \$75.75 which is the most our PF has ever earned on Work Day for Christ.

After the day's work, the group enjoyed a picnic and games.

To celebrate Hallowe'en, the PFers made a "Trick or Treat" journey around our village, collecting toys. These will be checked over, repaired where necessary and then nicely wrapped and given to the children of other communities in our region. We also collected money for UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). We saw a very interesting technicolor movie showing the comedian, Danny Kaye, and his help for the children of the world as he made a tour for UNICEF. We are sending a check for \$17.35 to the U. N. Children's Fund.

—Freda Tucker, secretary

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The PF boys and girls of Elder Church have begun the new church year with much enthusiasm. The newly elected officers are Barbara June Brassel, president; Barbara Allen, vice-president; and Ronnie Jennings, secretary-treasurer.

For their special project they have undertaken the big job of buying pews for the church. This they cannot do by themselves, but with the full cooperation of the entire congregation they expect to get it done.

Recently the PFers from Alexander

City Hunt Church and the Elder group decided it would be nice to hold joint meetings occasionally. Both groups are rather small in number and because the churches are somewhat isolated from other churches in our denomination, this seems to be a good way to widen their fellowship.

Elder boys and girls were host to the Hunt PF on Nov. 11. A short devotional, in keeping with Veterans Days, was given, with Berry Ingram in charge. Barbara Allen, program chairman for the afternoon, conducted a forum, with several questions of timely interest being asked. These were answered in a lively discussion in which both groups participated.

Following this, an "I've Got a Secret" program was held with Wayne Washburn as master of ceremonies, with Barbara and Gloria Blair of Hunt Church and June Brassel and Herbert Lee Fuller of Elder Church making up the panel. The secrets were all related in some way to the church or Pilgrim Fellowship.

—Mrs. Woodroe Washburn

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The Deer Lodge PF earned \$10 washing windows, cars, sweeping, etc., for their Work Day for Christ. Mrs. Thelma Harlan treated the group to a wonderful chicken dinner at her home.

Shirley Pemberton, T. C. Todd and Archie Pemberton won prizes for having the "scariest" costumes at the PF Hallowe'en party on Oct. 27 at Barton Chapel. The basement was decorated with bats and witches and everybody had a good time.



Registration at South-Alabama-N. W. Florida P. F. Rally.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

November report:

7 PF Groups	\$185.25
Garden City-Mt. Grove	28.95
Deer Lodge	10.00
Pleasant Hill Community	75.75
Langdale	25.00
Steele Mt. Lebanon	5.60
Chattanooga Pilgrim	42.00
14 Groups	\$372.55

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The Mt. Olive PF observed Workday for Christ and made \$15. A Hallowe'en Carnival was sponsored by the PF in the Community House to raise funds for their share in the Dormitory Fund at Southern Union, and the group cleared \$73.

On the afternoon of Nov. 4 members of the PF — Brenda Buce, Connie Culpepper, Joyce Durham, Carolyn Melton, Bobby Rigsby, Bobby Abbott, Nick Buce, Jack Abbott, Mickey Culpepper, Betty Ann Harris, with Mrs. Roy Culpepper and Mrs. Henry Abbott, drove to Southern Union College to present their gift. While there they spent some time looking over the campus and buildings, and came back to Mt. Olive via "Horseshoe Bend" where Andrew Jackson won his victory over the Creek Indians on the Tallapoosa River in 1814. The PF is working on the Pew Project and will purchase one of the new pews for the church.

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The Garden City PF joined other young people in the community for a rhythm party at the Junior High School gym on Nov. 5. About 45 young people with two adult leaders enjoyed an evening of folk games followed by refreshments. A "Friendship Circle" with the singing of "Taps" ended the fellowship.

Vansant-Trimble Wedding

Miss Sharron Vansant and Murray Howell Trimble were married Dec. 1 at the Mt. Grove Church with the Rev. Collie Seymour officiating.

Miss Vansant was a Student Summer Service worker in 1955. She has been a member of Mt. Grove Church for many years and active in the Sunday School, the Pilgrim Fellowship and other phases of the church work.

The couple will be at home in College Station, Texas, where Mr. Trimble is a student at Texas A. & M. College and an outstanding football player.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies WMS of Roanoke First Church held its October meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom L. Head, with Mrs. James Bonner as co-hostess. Mrs. K. M. Payne called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Luke Huey offered the opening prayer. The devotional was presented by Mrs. LeRoy Dunson.

Mrs. Payne presented the program theme "So I Send You" in a group discussion. Those taking parts were Mrs. LeRoy Dunson and Mrs. Jessie Littlefield.

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Luke Huey, with Mrs. Earnest Hand as co-hostess. Mrs. K. M. Payne, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Luke Huey gave the opening prayer.

A very impressive program was presented by Mrs. D. H. Sheppard on the theme "Our Thanksgiving Heritage." Mrs. Tom L. Head gave the devotional. Those taking part on the program were "The Hebrew Family", Mrs. Otis Gilbert, Mrs. Bob Keeble, Judy Sheppard and Jimmie Adcock. As people from different countries coming to ask for our help were Mrs. Carlos Adcock, Mrs. LeRoy Dunson, Mrs. Bob Keeble, and Mrs. Gay Braden. Present were 16 members and two visitors.

—Mrs. D. H. Sheppard

On Nov. 20 a Woman's Fellowship was organized for Robbins Barton Chapel and Glenmary Churches. All ladies of the two communities were invited to Barton Chapel to form what is hoped and expected will become one of the strong parts of the church program.

The Ladies Missionary Society of Andalusia First Church meets twice each month, with one meeting for program and the other for business and social affairs. We are using our well-prepared packet and enjoying our program more. We are filling our goals for the new year for foreign and local missions as fast as we can.

Each member tries to visit the sick and shut-ins and help in any way she can.

We were very happy over our Southern Union College Day collection, and were delighted to have four SUC students with us on that Sunday. Our gift amounted to \$43.65.

—Mrs. Jack Carter, secretary

The Women's Fellowship of United Church in Columbus had as their guest



Women's meeting at Woodbury, Jones Chapel Church — Mrs. W. W. Elder, the pastor's wife at front left.

speaker on Dec. 7 Mrs. Euell Sanders. A box of clothing was packed for the school children of Greece and a cash donation sent for milk for the children of India. A Christmas dinner will be given to a needy family.

—Mrs. Ruth Ward, president

WHAT'S NEW . . .

Citizens of God's Kingdom by Roger Lincoln Shinn. A Bible study guide to the Sermon on the Mount. Special edition prepared for Women's Guild of E. & R. Church and Women's Fellowship of C. C. Churches. From Missions Council. 15c.

Be Ye Doers by Ione Catton. Bible study guide and interpretation of Sermon on the Mount in program form. 25c.

American Board Year Book and Calendar of Prayer for 1957. From Mrs. Ruth Starkey, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass. 50c.

Gives interesting information on the work of the American Board and features Calendar of Prayer. For each day of the year, an individual or group is suggested as the object of our special prayers.

The Year Book gives a chart of mission institutions divided according to area, telling when they were founded and in most cases how many persons each serves. Incorporated into the Calendar of Prayer are paragraphs describing briefly our work in each mission area.

Ministers who make use of the Calendar of Prayer feel that it has a very great spiritual value, while the information adds fact and reality to the missionary education program.

Church News.....

On Dec. 9 the Rev. Claude Warren preached a sermon in **Birmingham Pilgrim Church** on "Fifty Years in the Lord's Vineyard". Dr. Warren is serving as interim pastor at Pilgrim Church.

He was 75 years "young" on Dec. 11, still in excellent health and enjoying preaching more than ever. Dr. Warren rides his bicycle to make parish calls, saying, "Cars are for lazy people."

Dr. Warren spent 40 years as a Congregational minister in Illinois, Wisconsin, California and Alabama, five years as shop speaker in the railroad Y. M. C. A., and five years as rural teacher and later as Bible teacher at Northland College in Ashland, Wis.

"I am happy in my work at Pilgrim Church and consider this one of the greatest challenges in my entire ministry," said Dr. Warren. "I consider the Pilgrim congregation as a cosmopolitan group made up of folks from New England, Ohio, Wisconsin, California and Alabama. I look for our church to become some day one of the leading Congregational outposts in the Southland. With such people as Dr. and Mrs. Locke White and many others our church is taking a stand on questions which deal with vital problems."

The Rev. Warren's son, Dick Warren, is Superintendent of the Sunday School, and his daughter-in-law, Ethel, is active in the women's group. Mrs. Richard Warren was born in Tennessee.

Dr. Warren continued, "Two of my uncles served under General Lee and one under General Grant in the Civil War, so I know what it means to grow up in a divided family!"

During his work at Birmingham Pilgrim, Dr. Warren has preached a series on "The Four Marys and Their Famous Husbands", showing how a wife influences her husband and becomes a part of his work. He also told the story of John Knox, John Robinson and Peter Marshall. Several families in Pilgrim Church knew Peter Marshall when he worked in Birmingham some years before he began his ministerial studies. They helped him get started and financed his seminary training. At that time Dr. Marshall worked on a Birmingham newspaper in the circulation department.

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A Family Night Fellowship Supper was held at **Barton Chapel Church** on Nov. 12. An entertaining program was presented and several business matters discussed. Each family brought a covered dish for the supper.

The films entitled "The Secret of the Gift", "A Day at Silver Springs" and "The Washington State Appleland" made an entertaining and inspirational program at the Barton Chapel Church recently.

The pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Weaver, recently spoke at chapel services

at the Deer Lodge and Robbins Elementary Schools and at Robbins High School.

—from the church newsletter
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The members of the **Demorest Federated Church** are looking forward to the coming of a new pastor soon. Dr. A. P. Wilson has accepted a call to serve the church.

Dr. Wilson was born and educated in Australia. He became a minister of the Christian Church 52 years ago and has held pulpits in Australia and the United States, has traveled in India, China, Japan and the South Seas. He comes to Demorest from Fairhope, Ala., where he was sent to help the church get ready for a new minister.

We have been fortunate in having Dr. C. L. Percy, who has had charge during the past months and has given us interesting and helpful sermons, as have the preachers from neighboring towns who have occupied the pulpit at times.

The Woman's Guild had a good meeting in November at the Percy home. Mrs. Clement read a beautiful Christmas story and Miss McKee gave a review of "Give and Take", one of our mission study books.

A group of young girls has been added to the choir and they are very faithful.

A Youth Fellowship has been organized under the leadership of the Rev. Willett, a student attending Piedmont College. He is also teacher of the Intermediate Class in Church School.

—Mrs. E. W. Butler
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At **Mountain Creek Union Church** the attendance is still good. On Oct. 13 a chicken supper was given, with the proceeds going to finish the club house.

Our business meetings are held every fourth Thursday night. At our last meeting everyone carried a dish and a delicious supper was served.

Everyone is enjoying the club house—it adds greatly to our church program. On Nov. 4 we had a basket lunch after our morning service, enjoying group singing in the afternoon. Mr. Carmack was elected to serve the church for 1957. We are looking forward to a year of great progress.

—Mrs. S. T. Johnson
and Mrs. Leonard Smith



The Rev. C. W. Warren with Ethel and Dick Warren

The Rev. Henry Abbott had the pleasure of officiating at a "Note-burning Ceremony" immediately after the first morning service in his new pastorate at the Tallassee Mt. Olive Church. The congregation met on the parsonage lawn and burned the note. We are proud that we were able to pay this note (which was for five years) in three years, and that our new pastor and his family were able to move into a debt-free parsonage.

The Ladies' Fellowship has been very busy this month selling cakes and stew to begin a new project.

After the Hallowe'en Carnival, sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship, the congregation gave the new pastor and his family a "pounding" and presented him with a special cash gift to help get his boys entered in school.

The men have revived the Laymen's Group and the mid-week prayer meeting has been re-organized.

The Mt. Olive Church was host on Nov. 1 to the World Council of Church Women for this area.

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Roanoke First Church has completed a remodeling, redecorating and landscaping program. The church yard has been leveled, trees removed and grass planted. A new steeple was added to the church, and it was painted inside and outside.

The Ladies' Society of the church is responsible for the purchase of the beautiful mahogany table and altar set. A wool runner has been put on the floor

from front to back.

The members of First Church are very thankful and happy to have been able to accomplish all this improvement in our church the past year. It has been through the faithful work and deep interest of our members that we did these things, and now plans are being made to improve the basement in the coming year.

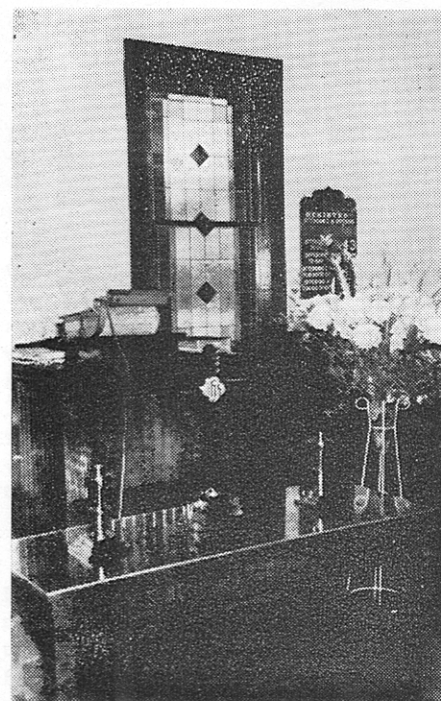
—Mrs. D. H. Sheppard

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On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, a pulpit exchange was arranged between Pleasant Hill Community Church and the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Nashville. Our minister and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds, were given a hearty welcome by the members of the E. & R. Church. They met with the Young Couple's Class at the Sunday School hour and answered questions about the backgrounds of our Congregational Christian churches and also inquiries concerning the coming union of our two denominations. Our minister preached on the theme "The Living Church" in the beautiful new sanctuary.

Unfortunately for our church, the Rev. Kenneth Wortham of the Nashville E. & R. Church, was detained by the sudden illness of his wife.

Our annual bazaar, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, was a great success. A delicious dinner was served. Various tables had on sale toys, Christmas presents, aprons and towels, cakes, pies, and other food supplies. The PF



New altar set and table in Roanoke First Church.

conducted various side attractions such as fish pond, cake guess, etc. There was good attendance and everyone, young and old, seemed to have a good time. The women cleared some \$260 for their treasury.

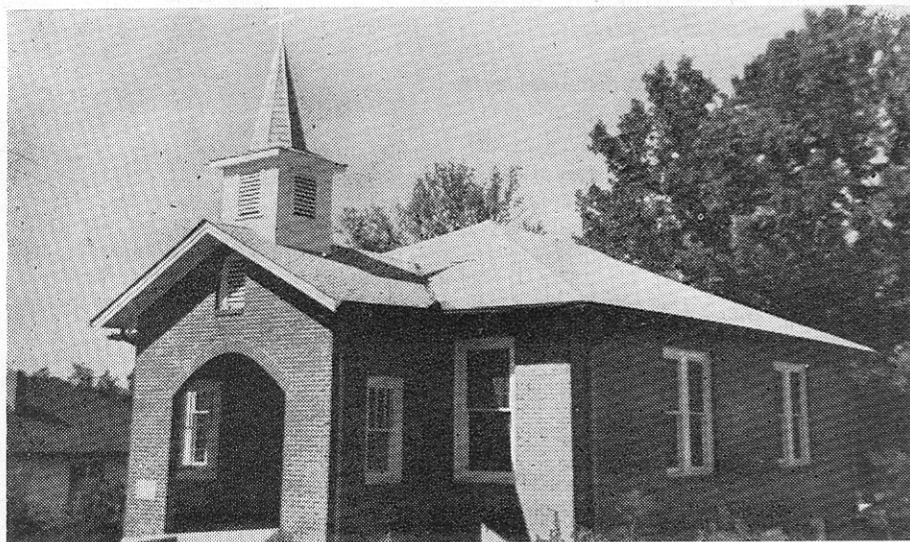
Nov. 18 was observed not only as "Forefather's Day" but also as "Lord's Acre" Sunday. Gifts of both cash and staples were brought to the altar and dedicated. We now have a total of some \$25,000 toward our new sanctuary. The preliminary estimate by our architect is that our chapel and the new rooms for Christian Education will cost something in the area of \$36,000. Therefore we have given thanks and praise to God and feel that we are ready to go forward.

Our Every Member Canvass was conducted Nov. 25. We have accepted the increased goal for Our Christian World Mission, namely the sum of \$750.

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On Dec. 2 the Langdale Church held a Service of Dedication for the chancel, rug, offering places, altar set and flags in the remodeled and redecorated chancel.

Supt. Erston M. Butterfield preached the sermon, and the pastor, the Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, led the dedication



Roanoke First Church after remodeling, showing new steeple

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RICHLAND FIRST CHURCH

Two more members have been received by transfer in the Richland First Church in the past month. The Allen electric organ has arrived, and the choir is working hard on the cantata to be given just before Christmas.

The parsonage has gas heat installed and 50% of the cost of a TV set, contributed by the Rodgers TV Company, our son Sam of Macon, and the labor by the employees of the gas company.

The pastor's wife, Mrs. S. M. Penn, has been seriously ill. Prayers for her will be greatly appreciated.

—S. M. Penn, pastor

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On Nov. 29 the Columbus First Church held the annual homecoming. For weeks before the big day the members and friends worked hard so that when the zero hour arrived everything would be in order. Night after night men and women worked painting Sunday School rooms, making over tables, varnishing pews and making many repairs to the 54 year old building, the first Christian Church to be built in Columbus.

Supt. Butterfield was the guest preacher for the homecoming. It was an honor to have him and he gave a challenging, helpful and very inspiring message on world missions.

After the morning service over 100 people enjoyed a sumptuous meal prepared by the ladies of the church. The Men's Fellowship arranged for two ambulances to bring two bed-ridden members to attend the services.

In the afternoon the choir and guest soloist rendered a number of musical selections, followed by the showing of the fine pictures of General Council at Omaha, Neb. A number of short messages were given by members of the church.

Church officers, members and guests went away with the feeling that their little old church was none other than the House of God and the very gate of

Heaven.

Plans are being made for the building of a much needed new church. Ten per cent of all monies received into the church is being put into a savings account for the new building. The church is also eager to support and increase the giving to world missions and to participate in all special projects of the Southeast Convention. The spiritual side of the church is in the best condition some have experienced in years.

—Peter Doherty, Pastor

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The LaGrange United Church is carrying on in a very effective manner until we secure a pastor. The Women's and Men's Fellowship are doing fine work as they always have, also the Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

The choir, directed by Miss Florence Moore, is working hard on a Christmas cantata which is very beautiful. The Board of Christian Education in cooperating with the teachers and officers of the Sunday School are planning a special children's program and Christmas tree, including a white gift service.

One of our very own young men, the Rev. Sammy D. Nelson, a graduate of Elon College, is supplying our pulpit two Sundays each month. He is serving at Barnesville Fredonia Church half-time, and continuing his education at Emory School of Theology in Atlanta. Prominent local laymen, and one layman from Southern Union College, have also been our speakers.

We wish for everyone a joyous holiday as we enter into the blessed Christmas season, and may we work and pray for "Peace on Earth, Good will Toward Men" over our troubled world.

—Mrs. John Laubenthal

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Woodbury Jones Chapel Church held a Churchmanship Institute recently—a leadership training program for all phases of the church program with the Rev. Annie R. Campbell as guest leader.

For two nights Miss Campbell met with church officers, deacons and trustees, going over the various duties of each. Another two nights were spent with the Sunday School teachers, using the teacher-training filmstrip series with discussion afterwards.

Miss Campbell also spent one night with the Women's Fellowship, presenting the missions material and showing

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORGANIZED IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

On Dec. 9, 1956 an organizational meeting was held in the YWCA in Knoxville, Tenn., and a Congregational Christian Church with 70 charter members was organized.

James White was elected Moderator of the church, and Kenneth S. Coile was elected church clerk.

SEC Congregational Christian officials who participated in the organizational meeting were Superintendent Erston M. Butterfield; Rufus Obrecht, Moderator of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; the Rev. Arnold Slater, chairman of the SEC Committee on Survey and Church Aid; and the Rev. Hugh Lasseter, area representative of the church aid committee who has been doing the survey and preliminary work of organization.

The charter membership includes a sizable group of former members of the Second Presbyterian Church and Congregationalists of the city. Some university students are coming in as associate members.

The Congregational Church is now new to Knoxville. In 1886 the Pilgrim Congregational Church was formed and, in 1891, built on Broadway and Vine Avenue. This church was tended for 20 years by the Rev. J. H. Frazee, D. D. In 1914 the work was discontinued and the church building sold to the Temple Beth El Congregation.

The Southeast Convention officials welcome the new congregation into the fellowship and will watch with great interest the progress of the new church.

TULSA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Rev. David L. Evans, pastor of the Fellowship Congregational Church of Tulsa, Okla., would greatly appreciate it if ministers in the Southeast Convention would send him names and addresses of any of their members moving to Tulsa. His address is 2900 South Harvard, Tulsa, Okla.

the filmstrip "If you lived in Malaya."

The church is growing and making good progress under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Elder.

Prayer is a good deal more than a matter of asking God for something.

CSA SEMINARS

Washington Seminar: Whatever else happens in the national capital during February there is certain to be lively discussion at the **Churchmen's Washington Seminar**, Feb. 26 - March 1. Eighteen denominations cooperate in this annual "look-see" into the realm of domestic and foreign politics. Among the speakers booked for the four days: Ernest K. Lindley of *Newsweek* on "An Analysis of Major Political Issues;" Ernest K. Griffith of the Library of Congress on "The Process of Policy Formation in Washington;" Ernest Gross, former Assistant Secretary of State, and United States Senator, William F. Knowland, on "United States Foreign Policy in Relation to Asia;" Buell Gallagher, President of City College of New York, and Frank McCullough, assistant to Senator Paul Douglas, on "Christian Responsibility for Civic and Political Life;" Robert H. Estabrook, editor of the *Washington Post and Times-Herald*, on "Influence of the Military in the Formation of National Policy."

Attendance is limited to 300, with a quota for each denomination. Registration fee of ten dollars includes cost of the four meals scheduled for seminar sessions. How about you, or someone from your church, taking advantage of this unusual opportunity? Write to Ray Gibbons (and better not delay) at the Council for Social Action, 289 4th Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

1957 European Seminar—the seventh annual study and travel seminar of the Council for Social Action will be June 30 to Aug. 7, 1957.

The Seminar will be limited to 25 persons, with preference given to C. C. and E. & R. church members who are deeply interested in social issues—religious, economic, and political—and who have opportunities to speak and write and to influence public opinion.

The cost will be \$1,595. This includes all air and other transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, baggage transfers, and all other expenses.

Application for membership should be sent to the CSA at once, accompanied by a deposit of \$100. For further information, write to Dr. Ray Gibbons, CSA, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Church	1955-56 Pledge	1956-57 Pledge
November report:		
39 churches	\$8,937.	\$10,686.
Central Alabama Association		
Tallassee Mt. Olive	240.	275.
East Alabama Association		
Dadeville Elder	72.	72.
Roanoke Forest Home	80.	80
West Point Bethel	125.	144.
North Alabama Association:		
Arley Robertson Ch.	25.	30.
Houston Liberty Hill	48.	60.
Trinity Caddo	48.	48.
Georgia-South Carolina Conference		
Doerun New Light	0	30.
Hampton County Line	60.	60.
Charleston Circular	900.	1,020.
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference		
Crossville First	300.	360.
Daisy First	240.	240.
Deer Lodge	60.	60.
Glen Mary	48.	60.
Robbins Barton Ch.	120.	160.
Nashville Brookmeade	261.	500.
Pleasant Hill Comm.	660.	750.
56 churches	\$12,224.	\$14,635

Increase: \$2,411.

We have now received pledge cards

Southern Union College

Christmas preparations at SUC included a one-act play, "The Desert Shall Rejoice" by Robert Finch, presented on Dec. 13 and 14.

The college joined with the Wadley Community in a service of Carols and Candlelighting at the Methodist Church on Dec. 16. Music was provided by the College Choir.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, dean, announced 26 students on the "Dean's List": "A" students were James Benefield, John R. Hodges, Jack Patterson and Albert Van Cleave Jr.; "Two A's, one B" — Charles Cavender, Wally Dunnavent, Gordon Ellis, Norman Mason, Carl Rainey, Wm. D. Todd, Gene J. Watson, Georgiana and F. Dale Whitman.

With a 2.33 average: Houston Berry, Linda Bryant, David Farrior, Maynard McGinty, Kenneth Murphree, Larry Newton, James Rollins, Tom Royston, Benny Shirey, John Talley, James Whatley, Charlie Young and John Finney.

Four students from SUC have re-

on Our Christian World Mission from 17 more churches, making a total of 56.

If we add the amounts pledged and paid the past year by 34 of the churches which have not as yet sent in cards, we have a total amount expected for the next fiscal year of \$25,538.

Of course, if some churches increase their pledges, as they have indicated they will at their January or February annual meetings, the amount will be even more than this figure, which is an increase of \$4,022. over the past year.

If your church was not listed in November, or in this issue of the magazine, won't you please bring the matter to the attention of the church officers

Every Member Canvass

The Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee stands ready to visit any church upon request to present the Our Christian World Mission film and information, or to assist the church in conducting an Every Member Canvass. If you would like more information about this, please write to the Rev. Hugh Lasseter, Evarts, Ky., the committee chairman, and he will contact a team captain or committee member near your church who will be glad to arrange a visit.

ceived notice that their poems have been accepted for publication in the annual **Anthology of College Poetry**, a compilation of poetry written by college men and women of America. The students are Thomas E. Hilyer, Billy Joe Bassett, Allen Ramsey and Mrs. Sylvia Faux.

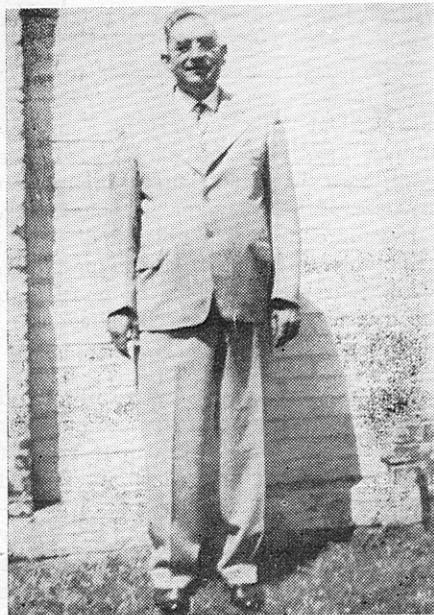
This is the second year in which SUC students have been recognized. Last year the Rev. Thomas Shreve was an award winner.

Carl Bain has been elected captain of the SUC basketball squad for the 1956-57 season. He is a veteran center and will be king-pin in the Bison's attack as Coach Earl J. Bentley's basketball team gets underway for the season. Carl is from Pisgah, Ala., and plans to become a basketball coach.

Registrations will be accepted as late as Jan. 3 for the Winter Quarter, in order to accommodate transfer students and servicemen receiving late discharges.

The longer you carry a grouch the heavier it becomes.

THE REV. DEAN DIES



THE REV. T. J. DEAN

The Rev. Thomas J. Dean died suddenly Nov. 18 while on his way to preach at Hebron Church, Crest, Ga. He had been in poor health for some months, suffering heart attacks from time to time. He was a former pastor of North Highland Church in Columbus, Ga., serving about twelve years and retaining his membership there until his death. Mr. Dean served a number of churches in Georgia and Alabama, doing a lot of good work for the Kingdom of God.

Three ministers had a part in the funeral service: the Reverends B. H. Glaze, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, W. S. Wood, United Church, and Peter Doherty, First Church — all of Columbus.

Mr. Dean was born in Pendergrass, Ga., April 16, 1899. He was licensed on Feb. 10, 1924 and ordained at Beulah Church on May 2, 1925.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Lively of Columbus, and Mrs. Mary Jane Futch of German; three sons, Paul, Jack and Roy Dean, all of Columbus; three sisters, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

THE REV. JOHN D. DOLLAR PASSES

The entire fellowship of the SEC was saddened to learn of the death of the well-known and beloved minister, the Rev. John D. Dollar, on Nov. 29 in Lanier Memorial Hospital, Langdale, Ala.

Mr. Dollar was 73, and had been hospitalized for eight days from a heart attack and complicating infection.

The funeral was held on Dec. 1 at Lanett Church with the Rev. Joe A. French and Supt. Erston M. Butterfield officiating.

The Rev. Mr. Dollar this year completed 50 years of service in the ministry. He was licensed in 1906 and ordained at Rock Springs Church near Roanoke, Ala., in 1908, having been called to serve the Rock Stand Church at its organization in July, 1908.

This past June Mr. Dollar attended his first General Council session, and was thrilled and happy to be a part of this great denominational meeting.

All who knew "Brother John" are certain that as the door of this life closed, another door opened into the life everlasting, and that he at once found his place and his work and is as busy and helpful there as he was here on earth.

From Mr. Dollar's own record book, his son, the Rev. Carl Dollar, and his good friend, the Rev. Joe A. French, have listed the following statistics: in his fifty-year ministry Mr. Dollar preached 4,779 sermons, received 1,431 members, baptized 949, conducted 589 funerals, performed 145 marriages, and received a total salary of \$41,768.44. Divided by 50 years, this averages \$835.36 per year!

He served the following churches, some full-time and others as yoked churches: Rock Stand, 18 years; Forest Home, 12 years, Mt. Zion, 17 years; Bethany and Lowell and Shady Grove, six years; Noon Day, 13 years; Corinth and Lanett, five years each; Rock Springs, four years; Langdale, eight years; Pleasant Grove, seven years; New Harmony, Huguley (Highway), and Bethel, three years each; Dingler's Chapel, two years; Elder, Liberty Grove, Bryant's Chapel, Spring Hill, Caver's Grove and Oak Grove, one year each; and Dingler's Chapel, two years.

Survivors are his wife; seven daughters, Mrs. W. C. Beverly of Roanoke; Mrs. Howard Loosier, Mrs. W. S. Huff, Mrs. J. P. Hamby and Mrs. A. D. Harry, all of Lanett; Mrs. James Hooks of Shawmut, and Mrs. Herbert Martin of Frankfort, Germany; five sons, the Rev. C. Carl Dollar of Bertha, Minn., Leon, Milford, James and John D. Dollar Jr., five brothers, three sisters, 32 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Langdale . . .

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service. Others participating were John W. Wilder, Oneal Mason and Odell Yancey.

Since plans for the remodeling and redecorating had been begun during the ministry of Dr. Boyce Paul Pardy, who died at Langdale on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956, the church members invited Mrs. Pardy to attend. She was flown from her home in Maine as a guest of the church congregation.

The offering plates were dedicated in memory of James W. Speir, son of Mrs. Bessie Lee Speir and the late Jessie H. Speir. After receiving his degree in 1952 from Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, he was commissioned on May 31 to serve in the Air Force. He was sent from Mitchell Air Force Base to Germany and then to France and was Group Adjutant and Commander, 7486th Hdqs. Sq. He died in France July 31, 1955.

The altar set and flags were dedicated in memory of the Rev. Pardy. Mr. Pardy was born in Newfoundland, beginning his ministry at the age of 19 as an itinerant preacher and missionary on Labrador where he was associated with the famous Labrador doctor, Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell. In recognition of his work on the mission field Dr. Pardy received an honorary "Doctor of Divinity" degree.

Dr. Pardy came to the United States to complete his seminary and college training, becoming a citizen in 1930. He faithfully served 10 New England and one southern church, completing a total of 39 years in the service of his Lord.